INTRODUCTION:

Claim 20 is cancelled herein. Claims 1, 4, 7, 10 and 14 are amended. Claims 1-19 are pending and under consideration.

Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites the print module frame contacts the paper feed module frame. The Examiner relies upon the casing 10 of Terao as corresponding to the claimed print module frame. This feature was previously recited in claim 20. According to the Examiner, the paper feed module frame of Terao is a portion of the main frame, which directly contacts the print module frame. However, at the point of contact with the casing 10, the casing 1 is not the print module frame. Instead, under the Examiner's analysis, a different portion of the casing 1 corresponds to the print module frame. Thus, under the Examiner's scheme, there is contact between the base frame and the paper feed module frame, not between the print module frame and the paper feed module frame.

Independent claims 4, 7, 10 and 14 recite somewhat similar features. The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies in Terao.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Response, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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